

Specification Amendments:

Kindly delete the entire paragraph beginning on page 11, line 24 and ending on page 12, line 10. Replace it in its entirety (37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(i)) with the following paragraph, presented below in clean form (37 C.F.R. § 1.112(b)(ii)):

Furthermore, connection between key and lock need not be electrical. For example, control unit lock may employ a receiving device and battery assembly unit key may employ a transmitter or transponder device for radio frequency identification employing technology such as TI-RFID or TIRIS from Texas Instruments Incorporated of Dallas, Texas. In other embodiments, more complex wireless protocols, such as Bluetooth or IEEE 802.11 may be used for communications between lock and key. In yet other embodiments, control unit lock may comprise a bar code scanner with processor and memory and battery assembly key may simply comprise a bar code matching code stored in memory in the control unit lock. In yet other embodiments, battery assembly key and control unit lock may communicate via visible or infrared LED transmission.

Below is the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 24, marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph (37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii):

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